[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

II.—CALLING ATTENTION TO THE UNSATISFACTORY STORAGE OF RICE BAGS IN GODOWNS AT AVADI.

SRI A. RAGHAVA REDDY : Sir, I wish to call the attention of the Hon. Minister for Food to a matter of urgent public importance, viz., the unsatisfactory manner in which rice bags have been stored in the godowns at Avadi resulting in serious deterioration of the foodstuffs and heavy loss to Government.

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : Sir, it is denied that there has been any deterioration of foodstuffs stored at Avadi.

The rice bags have been stored properly and are given prophylactic treatment of fumigation and disinfestation. Its present condition is good. Fumigation is benig done with methyl bromide at the rate of 1 lb. per every 12 tonnes of rice and so far 4,500 tonnes have been fumigated. Disinfestation by spraying with malathion 50 per cent emulsion concentrate is being done periodically to all the stocks at intervals of 3 to 4 weeks.

There are heavy arrivals of stock in Avadi and emphasis is on clearance so that no bottleneck in procurement is created. More attention will then be paid to more systematic arrangement of bags. No deterioration will be permitted to occur at any stage.

III.—POINT OF ORDER *RE*. GOVERNMENT MOTION *RE* APPROVAL OF THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES.

MR. SPEAKER : We shall take up the Government Motion.

SRI K. A. MATHIALAGAN : On a point of order, Sir. I wish to raise a point of order regarding the Government Motion for elucidating some information. I want to refer to the following passage in the Report submitted by the Committee of Privileges.

MR. SPEAKER : May I know what the point of order is?

SRI K. A. MATHIALAGAN : Sir, I want to raise a point of order about the Government motion.

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : There is no motion before the House. How can the hon. Member raise a point of order?

SRI K. A. MATHIALAGAN : Sir, my point of order is . . .

MR. SPEAKER : The Hon. Member wants to refer to the Report of the Committee. He need not refer to it now. He may tell what the point of order is.

SRI K. A. MATHIALAGAN : The Report has been placed before the House. My point of order is that it is not proper to move the motion.

MR. SPEAKER : Did the hon. Member refer to Rule 23 of the Assembly Rules?